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SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now, if an eligible facility must be publicly owned, that is taken care of already. Would you agree?

SENATOR JENSEN: I would agree.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Now could they substantially reconstruct or expand it?

SENATOR JENSEN: The present facility?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if they did that it would occur after January 1st of this year, obviously, wouldn't it?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: So they could use the current Civic Auditorium if they chose to.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Why do you think they choose not to?

SENATOR JENSEN: It just is not large enough.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But you said they can expand it.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes, but I think...I think they're confined by the streets, by the interstate, by the surrounding buildings.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Would this be a public purpose?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Can a city exercise the power of eminent domain for a public purpose?

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.